

## THE VACATION OUTLAY

MONEY SPENT BY CHICAGOANS EACH YEAR.

Total Estimated at \$37,500,000—Expense of Preparation for Outing Adds Much to Disbursements of Pleasure Seekers.

Chicago.—How much does the vacation season cost Chicago? This question was put to several downtown merchants, and their answers, reduced to an average, make interesting facts.

Estimating the population of the city at 2,000,000, it is fair to assume that 500,000 of the inhabitants are either wage-earners or in business for themselves. Practically all these have vacations during the summer, from two weeks to a month in length. To estimate the average cost of these vacations would be something of a guess, but perhaps \$50 would be somewhere near the truth. Many persons spend much less than this sum, but the majority spend more.

The result of a simple multiplication problem shows a total of \$25,000,000, but this is by no means all. There remains to be added the vacation expenses of women and children who are not producers.

How many persons of this class go away from the city during the summer is another hard guess, but a conservative estimate would place the number on a par with the first estimate—500,000.

Fifty dollars a head may be too high a figure for this class of vacation travelers, for many of them are children, but if an average of \$25 is taken it will give a total of \$12,500,000.

Thus the total outside vacation expenses of Chicago people may be guessed at \$37,500,000.

These figures, however, do not include money spent in anticipation of the trips to be taken. They do not include vacation clothing, trunks, satchels, fishing tackle and all the hundreds of articles commonly laid in by the prospective vacation-maker. It is a conservative guess to say that these advance expenses will aggregate \$12,500,000.

The grand total, therefore, is \$50,000,000—all spent for pleasure and health during three or four months.

These figures, of course, do not pertain to the rich, but to the common people. If the summer expenses of the wealthy class were to be added, the total would be vastly larger. It is estimated that there are 5,000 families in Chicago which spend an average of \$2,000 for their summer outings.

Fifty million dollars, if distributed in lots of \$600, would support 62,500 families for a year, allowing each family \$50 a month, a sum about equal to the average wage.

When these figures are considered, it is easy to understand what merchants mean when they talk about the "dull months." With all these people out of town, and with \$37,500,000 turned into channels outside of the city, it naturally follows that merchants cut down expenses and sail close to the wind until Chicago money is once more turned into its natural channel.

### FORTUNE FOR THE O'LYNN.

Dying Hermit of California Said Sons Lived in Baltimore.

Baltimore, Md.—There is a fortune of \$300,000 in cash and \$50,000 in Washington real estate, according to a letter received by Marshal Farnan, waiting for the fortunate sons of W. H. O'Lyinn, a hermit, of Fresno, Cal., who died recently, from the infirmities of old age and hunger.

While breathing his last O'Lyinn told of his fortune and declared that his sons were now living in Baltimore, Cincinnati or New Orleans. The Baltimore city directory shows no O'Lyinn or Olyn, or any name similar to that of the dead hermit. In one account of the old man's death it is reported that he twice mentioned Baltimore as the home of his sons.

The story of the old man's immense wealth was told only by himself. Mrs. Emma Wilson, who wrote the letter to the marshal, claimed she repeated his statements only. Among his dilapidated effects, according to a newspaper clipping which Mrs. Wilson inclosed, there was found \$117.60.

The old man had been in the little town of Fresno about seven years. During most of the time he lived in one room, where he mended umbrellas and parasols during the day and slept at night. He had few friends and talked little. When he did speak it was generally of his wealth. He said that he preferred the isolation of the little room to a life of luxury, which he had enjoyed, and which he was still able to pay for.

### Plans Post Offices for Liners.

Washington.—If Second Assistant Postmaster General McCleary succeeds in some plans he has in mind sea post offices will be established on the ships of the Cunard and the French Steamship companies' lines, the only transatlantic liners which are equipped with postal facilities. Overtures have been made to these two companies looking to the equipment of post offices on their ships. Mr. McCleary will go to Europe soon to investigate certain postal affairs. While abroad he will confer with the officers of the two steamship lines and endeavor to complete arrangements by which American and foreign employees will be placed on each one of the vessels of their two lines.

### CATS SPARE BLIND RAT.

Kentucky Woman Says Felines Will Not Molest Sightless Rodent.

Lexington, Ky.—Even at the risk of being classed among the "nature study fakers" by the strenuous one at the White House, Mrs. D. H. Keller, of this city, gives the following story of the actions of two cats with a blind rat.

Mrs. Keller owns two cats that are noted in the neighborhood as excellent ratters.

Woodland Park neighborhood, in which she lives, has become infested with rats of all sizes. Recently the two cats attacked a large rat in the chicken yard. A setting hen attacked the cats, drove them away and then pecked the rat's eyes out. The rat, handicapped by blindness, has since taken more than ordinary chances in search of food.

Upon numerous occasions he has entered the kitchen while the cook was preparing a meal. The cats have followed the rat into the kitchen and have sat on their haunches watching it, without attempting to interfere with it in any way.

A day or two ago one of the cats walked up to the rat, smelled of it and putting its paw on the rat's back turned it on its back, and then walked indifferently away. An instant later the cat espied another rat in the chicken yard, and like a flash jumped over the wire fence and pounced upon it, killed and ate it.

The blind rat now has the run of the back yard, porch, and, when the door is open, the kitchen. Both cats ignore him altogether. As yet it has permitted no human being to touch it. Mrs. Keller watches the rat closely and sees that no one injures it. The cats never try to.

### GERMANY BARS CAMERA FIENDS.

Law to Stop Taking of Photographs Without Obtaining Consent.

Berlin.—The snapshot photographer in Germany is threatened with extinction owing to the risk he will run of being mulcted in heavy fines under the new act which goes into force soon.

The right of all persons to the exclusive reproduction of their portraits or those of their houses or belongings is made absolute by the new enactment. The law, however, permits the granting of permission by anyone to a photographer to take his photograph or that of his landscape or of his cattle or horses. But there is danger ahead for the amateur or professional who takes snapshots of some one or something without previously obtaining permission. Prosecution and punishment may quickly follow.

Even when requested by a friend to take a photograph of a room with its contents, which the owner may desire, the danger is still great, for the room may contain pictures, and if these are recognizable in the photograph the photographer is liable to prosecution by the artist.

### SPONGE CAUSES ROMANCE.

Left in Girl's Body by Surgeon's Oversight, Wins Husband for Her.

Nahant, Mass.—A romance of only a few weeks culminated in the marriage here the other evening of Miss Flora May Pard, of Nahant, to Louis Rodrigue, a wealthy resident of Berlin, N. H.

The romance and marriage is the direct result of an oversight of a Boston surgeon, who neglected to remove a sponge from the body of Miss Pard after performing an operation. Miss Pard suffered terrible agony and was sent to Berlin to recuperate. While in search of health, she met Mr. Rodrigue. Some months ago she went to the Massachusetts general hospital in Boston, where an operation was performed for tumor.

She failed to get well, and several more operations were performed. Each time the sponge was overlooked until the last operation, which resulted in its discovery.

Mrs. Rodrigue is contemplating bringing suit against the Boston surgeon, whose name the hospital staff refuses to disclose.

### Turtle, Labeled Years Ago, Captured.

San Diego, Cal.—Bearing a label that he had been captured 26 years ago in the South Pacific, hundreds of miles distant, and afterwards released, A gigantic turtle was caught near here by Julius Solissa, a fisherman.

The sea reptile weighs 1,902 pounds, and its shell measures five feet two inches from head to tail, and is nearly four feet broad.

Burned upon the shell is the inscription:

"British Ship Sea Brine, Aug. 12, 1881, 2 south 86 west. If found, please notify Thomas Fletcher, Brawley road, Thivington, England."

These instructions have been obeyed, and it is believed that an interesting tale of the sea may be told when the captor of the sea denizen has been communicated with.

### Mastiff to Serve Jail Term.

Detroit.—A monster mastiff owned by Mrs. Albert Chenes, 612 River street, has begun serving a term of 40 days in jail with his mistress, who went to a cell because she refused to part with him. The dog followed her to the county jail and whined disconsolately outside the door until the attaches let him in and permitted him to lie down beside the cell of Mrs. Chenes. The woman was arrested for failing to obtain a license for the dog, which is said to have bitten a child.

## WEST LENDS TO EAST

FARMERS OF PRAIRIES SEND WALL STREET FUNDS.

Tillers of the Soil, with All Mortgages Gone, Furnish Money for Stock Operations and Buy Machinery.

Omaha, Neb.—The day has arrived when the farmer in the west is lending money to the banker in the east. From a state of almost ruin ten years ago and a rebuffed supplicant at the feet of the Wall street brokers he has become a financial power, from whom those same brokers are begging money.

He has paid his mortgages, improved his farms, erected buildings and put thousands of dollars into the latest machinery. He has laid up a surplus of wealth, and the banks are stacked up with his wealth, even as his granaries are overflowing.

The state of Nebraska alone recently in one week sent to eastern cities \$7,000,000, every cent of it on short-time loans, and intended to relieve the financial stringency there.

"The demand for money by New York and other eastern financial centers has been the largest in our history," said the cashier of one of the large Omaha banks. "Our bank has carried a great amount of eastern short-time loans, known as commercial paper, for several months, and I understand other national and savings banks are doing the same thing. The demand recently, however, has been greater than ever before."

"The deposits in Omaha and other Nebraska banks are 20 per cent. larger than a year ago, and money never was so plentiful. The west is particularly fortunate to have this cash at this time, when loans in the east are demanding good premiums, and this condition is largely indicative of the prosperity of Nebraska agricultural interests resulting from bountiful crops."

"The Nebraska farmers are buying more machinery, building material and live stock than for many years. They have had several good crops in succession, and they are all on 'easy street.' The sale of their products has brought much money to the state, and this has gone mostly into local banks, which carry their cash balances in Omaha national banks. Comparatively few mortgages are held."

"The money made by the farmers has piled up in the banks until it became necessary to seek short-time loans in the east. Eastern borrowers have not been slow to ask for these loans, however, and eight of the largest Omaha institutions receive daily quotations on eastern securities. Most of these loans are placed through New York and Boston financial institutions which act as brokers."

### GIVES LOCATION OF THE SOUL.

Man Who Hopes to Photograph It Says It is in the Throat.

New York.—"The soul of a man is soft and gelatinous, small, practically shapeless, and situated beneath the first rib. Below the Adam's apple in a man, and in a woman at the base of her throat, is a spot of little or no resistance. It is from this place when the hour of death has come that the soul must be taken. It does not pass like a shadow. It is not a flight. The soul must be drawn out by an angel sent by God to perform this operation, and this seat of life is transferred, warm, palpitating, to a body the counterpart of the one it has left. It is substance, material, and could be as well caught by the camera as the human face."

It was thus that Henry Price of Mount Vernon explained recently his theory of the soul's passage and the possibility of obtaining a photographic reproduction thereof.

"I do not think, by any means, that all men have souls. You may and may not have a soul, according as you have merited it."

### BEY TO SELL 17,000,000 STAMPS.

Turkish Minister Seeks Cash for Damascus Railroad Here.

Washington.—Chekib Bey, the Turkish minister, has announced that his government has a collection of 17,000,000 postage stamps, which will be sold at auction in August and the proceeds donated to the Hicaz railway, which is being constructed from Damascus to Beirut. The funds for building this railroad are being subscribed by the national government, the various municipalities and by citizens who desire to contribute. When completed the road will be operated by a commission designated by the government.

The collection of stamps which the Turkish government has contributed consists of more than 100 denominations, which have been issued by the Turkish government during 43 years. Minister Bey will receive bids for the collections and forward them to Constantinople.

### Sand Artists to Combine.

Atlantic City, N. J.—"Artists" who eke out a livelihood on the beach here by modeling figures in the sand, have organized a sort of "trust," to chase off the beach all would-be artists who they declare are spoiling their business. Headed by James J. Taylor, the original sand artists will apply to Mayor Stoy to set aside a day for an open contest and thus weed out the undesirable element.

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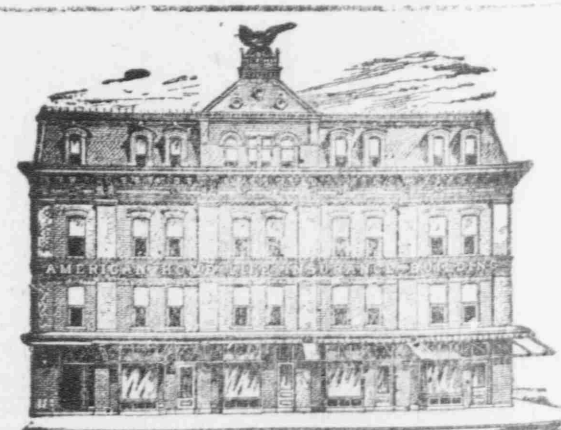
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